

COUNTY AGENT WORK APPROVED BY MEETING

Business Men Hear Direct From
Farmers Benefits Derived—
Vote to Endorse is Unani-
mous—Budget Discussed

At a meeting of the Commercial club last night the work of the county agent was endorsed and a resolution passed asking the budget board to leave the levy as requested. This vote was unanimous.

This action was not taken until after ten ranchers from Oregon Slope to Kingman Colony, from Arcadia to Bonita and Vale and Brogan individually told the gathering of direct personal benefits which they themselves have received during the past two years. Some of the ranchers placed the direct monetary value to their communities as high as \$35,000 for the past crop season alone.

Among the ranchers who recited the benefits which have been secured by themselves and their neighbors were: T. W. Clagett, A. B. Cain, Pete Countryman and C. T. Lackey, Ontario; A. A. Gutteridge, J. M. Brown and P. M. Boals, Oregon Slope; C. M. Beaumont, Kingman Colony; E. Carman, Vale; W. B. Eaton, Brogan, and J. F. Phelan of Bonita.

These men each discussed one or more phases of agricultural activity in which they are particularly interested, for example: Mr. Gutteridge discussed the benefits to the wheat rancher in the securing of better seed; Mr. Cain the results of the poultry work, Mr. Boals, Mr. Eaton and Mr. Countryman the improvements resulting from horticultural demonstrations and lectures; Mr. Beaumont and Mr. Brown the results of the dairy campaigns; Mr. Carman discussed the results of experiments in drainage work and dairying; while Mr. Phelan discussed the results of the pest control work and Mr. Lackey cited the benefits from work in vegetable growing.

Mr. Eaton impressed particularly the monetary savings made for the orchard-men and declared that in the Brogan valley alone, as the result of following closely the advice as to spraying for various pests they had saved at least \$35,000 there this year. Mr. Countryman declared that he too had thus benefited.

The only adverse statements made were those of Rex Marquis and William Jones who declared that on account of hard times the work ought to be cut out. They both argued that the benefits could be derived by the individual farmer observing the work of his successful neighbor.

When the question was finally put to a vote of the club members present there was not a single adverse vote.

Budget Discussed
With that disposed of the meeting of the Commercial club adjourned, and at the request of William Jones, H. C. Boyer and A. A. Gutteridge, all members of the county budget board, the county budget was read item by item and discussed. Most of the items were passed as reasonable, and the only big items which the meeting in a purely informal way thought ought to be cut was the general road levy from \$60,000 to \$40,000 and the hiring of a stenographer for the district attorney and additional help for the county school superintendent, and the expense account of the county engineer. It was pointed out by numerous speakers that the meeting had not sufficient information to pass intelligently upon many of the matters and therefore all expressions were merely informal notions entertained by them as individuals.

However, the entire budget was examined item by item with the result that it was 12:30 a. m. before the gathering broke up.

JAMESON RANCHER OPERATED ON FOR APPENDICITIS HERE

Louis Capps, a world war veteran was brought down from Jameson Sunday seriously ill. At the hospital it was found that he was suffering from appendicitis and an operation was performed from which he is making rapid recovery. He was accompanied to the city by his wife and his mother Mrs. Edith Capps of North Yakima, Washington, was summoned to his bedside. While here they are guests of Mrs. E. V. Anderson.

GOVERNOR ELECT WILL BE GUEST OF COUNTY FRIDAY

Preparations are complete for the reception of Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce who will be the guest of the county tomorrow. At the train he will be met by a reception committee composed of representatives of the Farm Bureau, the Commercial clubs of Ontario, Vale and Nyssa. At noon at the Moore hotel a luncheon will be given in his honor and in the afternoon he will address the annual meeting of the Malheur County Farm Bureau. Already there has been a large demand for tickets for the luncheon and the next executive of Oregon will be greeted by a representative gathering of farmers and business men.

FATHER OF ONTARIO WOMAN DIES IN HOME IN KANSAS

Advises were received last week by Frank Rader of this city of the death of Mrs. Rader's father, Benjamin L. Harrison at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. A. Maxwell of Coldwater, Kansas. Mrs. Rader who has been back there for some time, having been called by his illness, was with him when the end came. The body was taken to the old home at Ellinwood, Kansas for interment.

Mr. Harrison, who was a distant relative of President Harrison, was 88 years, two months old when he died. He had been a resident of Kansas for over 40 years, moving there from Virginia after the civil war during which he was an officer in the Confederate army. Beside Mrs. Rader, two daughters and a son survive him.

ELEVEN WATER PERMITS ARE ISSUED COUNTY RANCHERS

All Sections of County Represented
In List of Applications For Use
Of Water For Irrigation

Watermaster H. G. Kennard at Vale has just received from the State Water Board, eleven water right certificates. These certificates were issued to cover appropriations perfected under permits granted by the State Engineer, and are the final record of such water rights if not contested within three months. After being recorded by the county clerk, the certificates will be forwarded to the respective parties. The certificates are as follows:

Jacob Reed of Beulah 0.70 Sec. ft. from Little Malheur River for the irrigation of 56 acres; priority October 18, 1919.

Thomas P. Worsham of Malheur, 0.07 Sec. ft. from Cottonwood Creek for the irrigation of 5 acres of land; priority January 10, 1917.

Forrest Jones of Juntura, 0.54 Sec. ft. from Dipping Vat Creek for the irrigation of 48 acres of land; priority March 4, 1918.

Henry Cape of Ironside, 0.25 Sec. ft. from Station Creek for the irrigation of 20 acres of land; priority May 18, 1918.

A. E. Nichols of Ironside, 0.25 Sec. ft. from Unnamed Springs for the irrigation of 20 acres of land; priority, May 23, 1918.

W. L. Channer of Payette, Idaho, 0.31 Sec. ft. from Unnamed stream for the irrigation of 25 acres of land, priority April 23, 1919.

E. D. Corder of Bonita, 1.50 Sec. ft. from Post Creek for the irrigation of 128 acres of land; priority October 4, 1918.

Harry T. Francis of Nyssa, 0.09 Sec. ft. from Ward Waste ditch for the irrigation of 7 acres of land; priority July 19, 1919.

Frank Larrusea of Jordan Valley, 0.96 Sec. ft. from Jordan Creek for the irrigation of 76.4 acres of land; priority February 8, 1918.

Colbert Patterson of Carlton, 0.10 Sec. ft. from Clover Creek for the irrigation of 8 acres of land; priority December 4, 1917.

Elmina Patterson of Carlton, 0.20 Sec. ft. from Clover Creek for the irrigation of 15 acres of land; priority December 4, 1917.

Mrs. A. Jaquish left last Saturday morning for the east for an extended stay with relatives.

Leola Seawell of Payette, was an Ontario visitor today.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Gallagher returned on Saturday from Boise, where they spent last week.

"Uncle" Dick Rutherford is reported ill in bed.

LEGISLATION TO AID FARMERS PROPOSED

Bills Introduced in Congress
to Establish Farm Loan
System.

Washington, D. C.—Rural credits legislation, said to have the approval of administration officials and proposing to create a farm credits department as a part of the present farm loan system, was introduced simultaneously in the senate and house by Senator Lenroot, republican of Wisconsin, and Representative Anderson, republican of Minnesota.

The two bills, similar in most particulars, would make available for farm loans a total of \$60,000,000, distributed equally among the 12 federal farm loan banks. The present government subscription to the 12 banks totals only \$12,000,000. The bills would be authorized to rediscount farm paper having a maturity of from six months to three years.

The proposed legislation stipulates that farm paper could be rediscounted for national and state banks and trust companies, incorporated livestock loan companies, farm credit companies, co-operative credit companies and other banking institutions.

One bill amending the farm loan act to provide additional credits was introduced by Senator Norbeck, republican, South Dakota, and Representative Strong, republican, Kansas; while another, introduced by Senator Norbeck and Representative A. P. Nelson, republican, Wisconsin, would authorize the war finance corporation to make loans to foreign purchasers of American agricultural products.

Both of the bills are introduced by the American Farm Bureau Federation and go beyond the administration proposals in the recently introduced Lenroot-Anderson bill.

STATE AND FEDERAL LIQUOR TRIALS LEGAL

Washington, D. C.—Two cases considered by the government of major importance in the enforcement of national prohibition have been decided by the supreme court. In one of them, coming from the state of Washington, the government scored a sweeping victory, the supreme court holding that both the federal and a state government can prosecute and punish the same unlawful act in the manufacture, possession, transportation or sale of intoxicating liquors.

The other case, coming from California, the government lost in its contention that in the enforcement of national prohibition an executive officer can impose and collect as taxes the assessments and penalties imposed by those sections of the revised statutes which remain unrepealed by the Volstead act and which became law while the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor was not prohibited.

CHANGE CIVIL SERVICE

Chief Justice Taft Would Extend
Scope of Act.

Washington, D. C.—Chief Justice Taft suggested in an address before the annual convention of the National Civil Service Reform league that the president be given power to make appointments to all local offices without senate confirmation. This would be of great assistance to the president, Taft said, because he could, by executive order, turn the entire burdensome task over to the civil service commission.

The change, which was suggested for postmasters, collectors of internal revenue, United States attorneys, federal marshals and other field officers of the government, he declared, should be welcomed by congress because of "the importunities of patronage seekers."

American Consul at Malta Shot.

Valetta, Malta.—Mason Mitchell of New York, American consul on the island of Malta, was shot and wounded near Baracca. His assailant escaped. Mitchell was taken to a physician for treatment. Mitchell was slightly wounded, the bullet embedding itself in his coat. He was confined to his bed, but with the expectation that he would be about in a day or two. The shooting is generally attributed to a dispute over a woman.

Mrs. J. F. Jefferies who has been here for some time visiting her mother, Mrs. Jacob Stroup, left this afternoon for her home in Stanfield, Oregon.

ASTORIA FIRE LOSS OVER \$15,000,000

Many Blocks of the Business
Section Destroyed by
Conflagration.

Astoria, Or.—A total loss of \$15,000,000 or more, some covered by insurance ranging from 40 to 80 per cent, was estimated by several conservative bankers after surveying the ruins of the fire which nearly destroyed this city last Friday night.

The increase in the original estimates resulted when the cost of rebuilding streets in the city was taken into account. This cost alone is estimated at not less than \$1,500,000.

Many of the streets in the devastated area were built on viaducts and this condition alone is responsible for the wide sweep of the fire before it was brought under control.

Twenty-seven blocks of the business section of the city were consumed by the conflagration.

The fire started about 2 o'clock in the morning in the basement of Thiel's pool hall, which was near the Bee Hive department store, on Twelfth and Commercial streets. The fire spread under the streets, which in this section of the city were built on pilings. The fire broke up above the surface in three or four different parts of the city. When once above the surface the fire spread rapidly in the face of a strong wind. The wooden buildings caught fire quickly and flamed up like tinder, spreading the fire from block to block in a few moments.

BRITISH AND FRENCH DIFFER OVER GERMANS

London.—The premiers of France, Italy and Belgium, with staffs of financial experts met in London for what is generally described as the most critical conference of the four years' succession of conferences, which have struggled to fix definite and final reparations terms for Germany. The British cabinet rejected the measures of force for the Ruhr district upon which Premier Poincare of France insisted.

Prime Minister Bonar Law informed Premier Poincare that British public opinion was overwhelmingly opposed to any military measures against Germany.

Poincare had made a demand for the occupation of the Ruhr as a guarantee for a German moratorium.

USE FOR STILLS FOUND

Sheriffs and Policemen to Make
Convention Badges of Metal.

Vancouver, Wash.—Convention badges at the conference of north-west sheriffs and police, to be held in Portland next month, will be made out of captured moonshine stills, according to Sheriff Thompson of Clarke county. Each sheriff will be called upon to furnish his quota of copper stills.

Until a few weeks ago Clarke county alone could have furnished enough captured stills to make badges for the entire convention, but most of them were destroyed, together with a large stock of assorted liquors.

The conference will be held January 14 and 15.

Bill for Columbia River Survey.

Washington, D. C.—The war department under a bill introduced by Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, would make a survey of the Columbia river from Vancouver to Priest Rapids, Wash., and of the Snake river from its mouth to Asotin, Wash., to determine the feasibility of canalization of the two rivers for barge traffic, of irrigation and reclamation of the lands along the rivers in event of canalization and of development of hydro-electric power.

New Zealand Votes to Remain "Wet."

Wellington, New Zealand.—William (Pussyfoot) Johnson, who has been leading a vigorous campaign to make New Zealand "bone dry," lost his battle when official tabulation of votes in the national referendum showed a majority of 16,138 in favor of continuing the present system of licensing drink sales.

Senate Passes Game Reserve Bill.

Washington, D. C.—The senate after two days of debate passed, 35 to 17, and sent to the house a bill to establish public shooting grounds, refuge and breeding grounds for protection of migratory birds.

SNOW DEEP IN COW VALLEY WHEN RANCHER CAME DOWN

Snow a foot deep lies in Cow Valley and it was cold there Tuesday, reported J. F. Phelan, who with Mrs. Phelan arrived in Ontario Wednesday to do some shopping and be on hand for the annual meeting of the Farm Bureau on the program of which Mrs. Phelan has a part.

"It started to snow early Monday and was still falling when we crossed the valley Tuesday night," said Mr. Phelan, "but it was getting colder and the storm seemed almost over. The dryland ranchers welcomed the snowfall and believe it will help make their next year's crop."

FORMER ONTARIAN SENDS SAMPLES OF TANGERINES

Mrs. Frank Draper received this week from St. Cloud, Florida, a box of Florida tangerines from Mrs. Mary A. Fox who lived here with Mrs. Draper for eight years. Mrs. Draper is distributing the delicious fruit to some of Mrs. Fox's friends here who will be glad to know that after a somewhat extended illness she is recovering, and is still interested in the news of Ontario folk.

WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES ENTERTAINS LARGE CROWD

The adventures of Jones and his many vicissitudes proved an adequate vehicle for the amusement of a large crowd at the Majestic last Friday afternoon and evening when the Junior class presented that farce comedy which has long been on the boards. The cast for the play was coached by Miss Ada Mae Lee and Miss Miller of the public school faculty and they had the youthful actors well drilled for their parts. As the result the audience enjoyed the evening's entertainment. Before the play and during intermissions an interesting musical program was presented by the High school orchestra.

CONDITION OF FRUITLAND BANK TOLD TO DEPOSITORS

Deficiency of \$60,000 Must Be
Raised if Bank is to Be Re-
opened and Depositors Must
Waive Claims In-
definitely

At a meeting called by Mr. King, bank examiner, in charge of the Fruitland State Bank, defunct, a committee of five was appointed to consider plans for reopening the bank which closed its doors November 16th. The High school auditorium was needed to accommodate the 500 people in attendance. Mr. Fraelick, bank commissioner of Idaho, discussed the condition of the bank. He made clear to the people present that unless some means could be secured to reopen the bank that little or nothing could be realized for the depositors. He said the bank closed because collections were very slow; conditions were way below normal, and that the closing of the Payette National Bank was in some little way responsible for the closing of the Fruitland bank.

Mr. Fraelick presented the following figures in approximately round numbers on the condition of the bank when it closed. Total assets \$334,000, of this amount approximately \$302,500 is represented in notes, \$248,500 in good or slow notes. Total liabilities \$309,000; of this amount \$190,000 represents the deposits, and overdraft of \$12,000, and borrowed money \$105,000. Of the deposits of private individuals, \$4,600 is in the savings accounts, \$57,000 in time deposits and \$104,000 in checking accounts.

There is a deficiency of better than \$60,000 to be met between the liabilities and assets. To reorganize it he suggested that the directors put up the \$25,000 stock, \$5000 for the reserve fund and \$10,000 cash in order to start the bank and that an agreement be reached whereby the depositors waive 50 per cent of their deposits indefinitely, to agree to waive forty per cent for a year and possibly longer and agree not to check out at the time of the opening not more than 10 per cent of their account.

C. H. Sargent moved that a committee of five be elected to consult with the directors and the State Bank Commissioner to carry out some feasible plan to open the bank.

RANCHER STABBED IN FIGHT WITH ATTORNEY

C. McGonagill Uses Knife in Alter-
cation With J. A. George Ranch-
er on East Side of City—
Claims Acted in Self
Defense

In a fight at the Pogue ranch east of the city Monday morning at about 11 o'clock, C. McGonagill, attorney of this city, stabbed J. A. George, the renter on the place, twice. One of the wounds on the lower left side of the man's abdomen, was thought to be serious, and the other was a slight flesh cut on his left breast.

Mr. George was taken to the hospital shortly after the affray by neighbors and Dr. J. C. Bartlett called to care for him. After working on the man for several hours the doctor declared that unless complications set in George will recover.

The rancher was not the only one hurt. Mr. McGonagill suffered a badly discolored eye and several bumps and bruises on his head.

In Self Defense He Says

"Whatever I did, was in self defense," said Mr. McGonagill, in telling of the affray. "I went at Dr. Pogue's request to the ranch to talk to Mr. George about the contract and its terms and to aid the Doctor in getting some of the potatoes that belong to him which were stored there."

"When we arrived at the ranch, after a few words with George, the doctor went into the root cellar and George attacked me after calling me a vile name. He struck me and almost knocked me over. As I went partially down, I reached for my pocket knife to defend myself, realizing that he a younger and stronger man, could do me great damage. I was dazed and I don't know exactly what happened. He hit me several times."

Versions Differ

The version of the fight given by Homer Utley who with Barney Bull witnessed the fight from a hay load 300 feet away differs materially. Utley declares that George was not on the place when Dr. Pogue and Mr. McGonagill arrived, and that Mr. McGonagill went forward to meet George and the fight began immediately with the lawyer striking, if not the first blow, simultaneously with the rancher. He says he did not see the knife drawn and that both men kept their arms swinging constantly until George backed away from McGonagill.

On his return to the city Mr. McGonagill swore out a complaint charging George with assault, and it is understood that George has also requested that a complaint be sworn out for Mr. McGonagill. No action has been taken by the authorities in the case, as yet.

FOLK DANCING CLASS PRESENTS FESTIVAL

High School Girls to Present Inter-
esting Christmas Program Next
Thursday Evening—Will Be
Picturesque Spectacle

At the Majestic Theatre next Thursday evening the members of the folk dancing class of the High school, assisted by Miss Helen Dunstone, the High school quartette and the orchestra, will present an interesting Christmas festival introducing many picturesque folk dances, musical numbers and a playlet. The festival is being staged under the direction of Miss Carrie M. Bayley.

METHODIST LADIES AID TO HOLD BAZAAR ON FRIDAY

The Methodist Episcopal Ladies Aid society will hold its annual bazaar on Friday of this week in the building formerly occupied by the Blue Bird Grill where the other church bazaars have been held this fall. A large supply of the hand made, useful and fancy articles for Christmas gifts and home use will be on display. In connection with the bazaar there will be a cooked food sale and a luncheon served including hot chicken sandwiches, doughnuts, coffee, etc.

The five elected to serve on this committee were A. B. Mohler, H. G. Gardner, H. R. Ficken, H. B. Strawn and Mrs. L. Rudolph Hollenbeck. After the meeting the committee elected held a short session and elected A. B. Mohler chairman of the committee and H. G. Gardner sec-